

REPLY TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION DATED JANUARY 17, 2006

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 17, 2006. Applicant hereby submits the required corrections and amendments to overcome the objections cited by the Examiner.

A new listing of the amendment to the claims is hereby submitted to conform to 37 CFR 1.121(h), 37 CFR 1.173(b)(2), and 37 CFR 1.173(d)(1-2). The status of the claims and support for the new claims were included in the prior response to office action.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

37 C.F.R. 1.173 CHANGES SHOWN BY MARKINGS

A complete listing of all claims with changes relative to the patent being reissued and in conformance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.173 is as follows:

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38. (Currently amended) A metal in-line skate chassis comprising:
a first metal side having an interior surface and an exterior surface;
a second metal side having an interior surface and an exterior surface;
a plurality of holes formed in the first metal side;
a plurality of holes formed in the second metal side;

spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining on the exterior surface of the first metal side from metal adjacent the holes in the first metal side;

spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining on the exterior surface of the second metal side from metal adjacent the holes in the second metal side;

the spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining forming truncated cylinders and extending from the interior side of the first metal side and from the interior surface of the second metal side.

39. (Currently amended) An in-line skate including a metal chassis, wheels mounted on axles that extend through holes in the chassis, and spacers positioned adjacent the holes, the improvement comprising:

the spacers being truncated cylinders formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining on the chassis.

40. (Currently amended) An in-line skate including a metal chassis, wheels mounted on axles that extend through holes in the chassis and spacers adjacent the holes, the improvement comprising:

the spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining material adjacent the holes into short, truncated cylinders or cones that extend from the surface of the metal chassis.

41. (Currently amended) A process of manufacturing an in-line skate having a metal chassis, the improvement comprising:

forming short, truncated cylinders that extend from the surface of one side of the metal chassis and a countersunk or counterpressed configuration adapted to accommodate the head of a screw or axle.

42. (Currently amended) A process of manufacturing an in-line skate having a metal chassis and a plurality of holes in the chassis for supporting wheel axles, the improvement comprising:

spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining that extend from a first surface of the chassis and leaving on a second, opposite surface of the chassis a configuration that will accommodate a screw or axle.

43. (Currently amended) An in-line skate chassis comprising:

a channel having a top, a bottom and a pair of sidewalls each having an inner surface and an exterior surface;

a plurality of flanges positioned at the top of said channel and adapted for attachment of footwear;

a plurality of holes positioned in said pair of sidewalls and adapted to receive axles for skate wheels; and

short cylinders formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining from material adjacent said holes and extending from each interior surface of said pair of sidewalls.

57. (New) A one-piece metal in-line skate chassis comprising:

a first metal side having an interior surface and an exterior surface;

a second metal side having an interior surface and an exterior surface;

a plurality of holes formed in the first metal side;

a plurality of holes formed in the second metal side;

spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining on the exterior surface of the first metal side from metal adjacent the holes in the first metal side;

spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining on the exterior surface of the second metal side from metal adjacent the holes in the second metal side;

the spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining forming truncated cylinders and extending from the interior side of the first metal side and from the interior surface of the second metal side.

58. (New) An in-line skate including a one-piece metal chassis, wheels mounted on axles that extend through holes in the chassis, and spacers positioned adjacent the holes, the improvement comprising:

the spacers being truncated cylinders formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining on the chassis.

59. (New) An in-line skate including a one-piece metal chassis, wheels mounted on axles that extend through holes in the chassis and spacers adjacent the holes, the improvement comprising:

the spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining countersinking-material adjacent the holes into short, truncated cylinders or cones that extend from the surface of the metal chassis.

60. (New) A process of manufacturing an in-line skate having a one-piece metal chassis, the improvement comprising:

forming short, truncated cylinders that extend from the surface of one side of the metal chassis and a countersunk or counterpressed configuration adapted to accommodate a screw or axle.

61. (New) A process of manufacturing an in-line skate having a one-piece metal chassis and a plurality of holes in the chassis for supporting wheel axles, the improvement comprising:

spacers formed when areas are countersunk or counterpressed by coining that extend from a first surface of the chassis and leaving on a second, opposite surface of the chassis a configuration that will accommodate a screw or axle.

62. (New) A one-piece in-line skate chassis comprising: